



The Frequent Filer

Electronic Filing Newsletter
For the U.S. Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Iowa

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ECF: Six Months and Counting...

ECF adoption in the Northern District of Iowa is proceeding at a rapid pace. Through the first six months of operation, and after only four months of open enrollment for attorneys, almost 30% of all new petitions are being filed electronically, and 20% of all docket activity is coming in over the Internet.

To date, 47 members of the bar have taken advantage of the new system to file petitions or other documents with the Court. To date, more than 240 people have been trained on the system. As those who haven't yet filed begin to use the system, the number of users will only grow in the months ahead.

A look at the numbers over the last several months reveals some interesting tidbits. Mondays and Tuesdays are the heaviest days for electronic filing, with 23% and 26% of filings, respectively. About 3% of all filings have come in during the weekend or on a holiday, when the Court's offices are closed.

While most of the filings (84%) have been made during the business day, a surprising number have come in well before the Court's offices open or long after they close. While most of these come in

between 5:00 and 7:00 pm, almost 4% of the filings received have been made after 7:00 pm and before 7:00 am! A few insomniacs have even filed something between 1 and 2 in the morning!

Overall, the changeover to the new system, while challenging to attorneys, trustees and their staff, has been a smooth one, and all involved have benefitted from the access and ease provided by ECF.

Creditor Attorney Training Coming in September

Beginning in September 2002, ECF training especially tailored to the needs of attorneys for creditors will be offered. This three-hour class will provide an overview of the system, and focus on filing proofs of claims, Motions for Relief From Stay and opening adversary cases. The class will be offered weekly in both Cedar Rapids and Sioux City. For dates and times, see the schedule on page 2, visit our web site at www.ianb.uscourts.gov, or contact the Court's Training Specialist, Rebecca Hoefer, at 319-286-2214.

ECF By The Numbers

	April	May	June	July	August*
BK Cases Filed via Internet (Count)	49	56	97	106	83
BK Cases Filed via Internet (% of Total)	11%	14%	24%	27%	29%
Docket Activity (% of Total)	6%	15%	22%	20%	17%
Participating Attorneys/Trustees	13	27	35	46	47

* August data through 8/22/02

Honor Roll**Top Attorney Filers, June, 2003**

Janet Hong	John Titler
Janice McCool	Michael Dunbar

Top Attorney Filers, July, 2003

Janet Hong	Michael Dunbar
Janice McCool	John Titler

Top Trustee Filers, June, 2003

Larry Eide	Renee Hanrahan
Carol Dunbar	Wil Forker

Top Trustee Filers, July, 2003

Carol Dunbar	Wes Huisinga
Sheryl Youngblut	Don Molstad

**ECF Training
September-October, 2002****Cedar Rapids**

Mon. 9/9	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Mon. 9/16	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Fri. 9/20	General	8:30-12:30
Mon. 9/23	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Mon. 9/30	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Mon. 10/7	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Tues. 10/15	Creditor	12:30-3:30
Mon. 10/21	General	8:30-12:30
Mon. 10/28	Creditor	8:30-11:30

Sioux City

Mon. 9/9	Creditor	12:30-3:30
Mon. 9/16	Creditor	12:30-3:30
Tues. 9/24	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Weds. 10/2	Creditor	8:30-11:30
Tues. 10/8	General	8:30-12:30
Weds. 10/16	Creditor	12:30-3:30
Tues. 10/22	Creditor	12:30-3:30

ECF Tip of the Month

When filing a voluntary petition electronically, remember to serve a paper copy on the case trustee and the U.S. Trustee within three business days.

**New ECF Filers
June-August, 2002**

Kevin Ahrenholz	Martha Fagg	Theodore Karpuk	Brian Miller
J. Mathew Anderson	Richard Hansen	Joseph LaPointe	Charles Nadler
Robert Andres	Lynn Hartman	Robert Lee	Henry Nathanson
Michael Cunningham	Francis Henkels	Jeff Mathias	Angela Ostrander
Paul Demro	Douglas Henry	James McCarthy	U.S. Attorney (CR)
Stephen Engelhardt	Anne Hoskins	Martha McMinn	U.S. Attorney (SC)
Gregory Epping	Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Glenn Metcalf	Thomas Verhulst